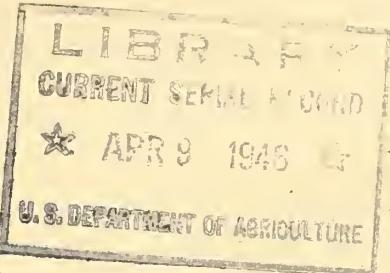


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Help Your
RED CROSS
CARRY ON IN '46

BUY YOUR
SHARE
HE GAVE
HIS
SHARE

YOU AND THE RED CROSS

The Department's annual Red Cross Campaign was officially opened March 6th at a very impressive meeting of Division Chairmen and Keymen held at the Jefferson Memorial Auditorium (our own Department auditorium). Secretary Anderson highly commended the Red Cross organization for its worthy contribution during the war as well as in peace time. Having been hospitalized following World War I, he related the excellent services he personally had the opportunity to receive and to observe. Secretary Anderson was introduced by Department Chairman and

Assistant Secretary Charles F. Branham. Mrs. Lawrence D. Slater of the Red Cross also addressed the group, and the film "March of Time" depicting Red Cross Services around the globe was shown.

Many of us have been on the receiving end or have had members of our families or friends directly benefit upon the Red Cross and, therefore, further information regarding the need for funds is not necessary. But it is necessary to GIVE as part payment of our debt to those who served and those still serving.

Your suggested contribution was computed upon the basis of your monthly income tax deduction, and thus employs the principle of ability to pay.

The Department's quota is \$55,000. We still have 12,000 employees in the service some of whom are receiving rehabilitation services so expertly and willingly administered by the Red Cross.

Some sections have already gone over the top. Will yours?

BLOOD DONORS

Walter Reed Hospital is in need of "O" type blood. If you are eligible, call Extension 3281 and make an appointment to March 22.

WEEK-END TRIPS FOR YOU

Many Agriculture employees have taken the "Thompson Tours" which are planned primarily for government employees. These trips are arranged for such places as New York City, Skyline Drive, Williamsburg, etc.

On Friday, March 22, an enjoyable trip has been planned to New York City which includes a guided downtown tour, the Statue of Liberty, the Rockefeller Center and a tour of the National Broadcasting Company to see "Behind the Scenes of Radio." There will be free broadcast tickets for the party.

Special railway car and hotel reservations will be arranged for you.

On April 14 a tour to Skyline Drive including Lurey Caverns and a banquet dinner has been arranged.

An Easter trip to Skyline and Charlottesville has been planned. This trip includes a banquet dinner at Monticello House Saturday night, Easter services on Sunday, and a tour of Jefferson's home.

Other trips have been scheduled throughout the summer to such places as Atlantic City, Pocono Mountains, Yellowstone Park, and the Smokies.

If you'd like to go and have additional questions to ask, just call Mrs. Thompson, DE-8908.

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Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

The Information Service of the War Hospitality Committee was very grateful for the number of employees who volunteered their services last year.

They are now in need of additional volunteers--particularly at the United Nations Service Center. Employees who would be willing to take a four-hour session information course and serve from 9 to 12 p. m. are urged to call Co. 2060.

The Salvation Army USO is in need of Information District Workers to serve as substitutes. If interested, call Miss Gertrude Rest, Ext. 6101.

HOSTEL NEWS

Now that Spring is right around the corner and Washington weather is really at its best, we thought you might like to be reminded of some of the activities which are planned by the Potomac Hostels.

Hiking, biking and horseback trips are among the most popular activities of this organization. If interested in these trips call EX-3500 for complete details.

MILE OF DICES REPORTERS

We've just learned that the Department employees contributed \$1, 962.08 to the Mile of Dices Campaign. Fifty tickets were sold to the President's Ball which added \$150 to the fund making Agriculture's total contribution \$2, 112.08.

GROUP HOSPITALIZATION

Many persons have inquired as to how they may continue their Group Hospitalization protection if they leave their employment. The following procedure is suggested:

1. On the last payment date before the subscriber leaves, he may give his group's treasurer an advance payment (not to exceed 12 months), sufficient to cover the expected period in transferring.

2. If he becomes employed by an organization in which there is a group (groups are established in every government agency and in hundreds of business firms), he should arrange promptly with the new group's treasurer to transfer the contract.

3. If he does not become employed where there is a group, or if he leaves the city, he should get in touch with Group Hospitalization, Inc. to learn what arrangements can be made, for continuing his protection.

Many questions have been asked regarding conversions. Your group collector has been supplied with instructions regarding this procedure. Returning veterans may be interested in knowing that a contract that has been converted downward because of military service may be again converted to the original type within 6 months after the person has been discharged from the service, or at the beginning of any contract year.

Health Representative for the Department will be glad to give complete information regarding any questions you may have. He is located in the Transportation Building, 825-17th Street, N.W., telephone RE-5252.

Membership Open

Since membership in Group Hospitalization is open only twice a year, you may be interested in knowing that during the week of April 1st you may sign up. Your bureau collector will issue another notice for your information. The next opportunity to join will be next fall.

FED. EMPLOYEES NAT'L SYMPHONY CONCERT

The second special National Symphony Concert for Federal employees will be given at Constitution Hall on Saturday evening, March 30 at 8:30 p.m. Guest artist will be Miriam Sclovieff, young virtuoso violinist, who will play Mendelssohn's Concerto. Hans Kindler will be conductor. Tickets are now on sale at 1330 "G" Street, N.W., phone NA-7332. Popular prices are 60¢, 90¢, \$1.20 and \$1.80 (tax incl.).

ARA NEWS

Employees interested in organizing bureau soft-ball teams to be entered in the Agriculture Intra-Bureau League, are asked to get in touch with Mr. Joseph Berolini, President of the Athletic Sec-

DISCHARGE BUTTON

Just a tiny button nestling there
On one of his coat lapels.
It's the only insignia left to show,
The only sign that tells
Of the weeks and the months of lone-
liness,
Heartaches, dangers, fears.
Let us never become indifferent
To its importance through the years.

He has lain his uniform aside,
He is one of us once more.
Not visible his service stripes
That we used to note of yore;
The silver bars and the oak leaves
Have all been put away,
~~But that button on his coat lapel~~
Is proudly there to stay.

So let's never forget what that sym-
bol cost,
The blood, the sweat, the tears.
Let us honor that badge and its
wearer

All down the coming years!

WORLD WAR I AND II VETERANS

Agriculture Department Post #36
will hold its Commander and Past
Commanders' Dance and Reception at
the American Legion Clubhouse, 2457
15th Street, NW, Saturday, March 23,
1946, 9 p.m. All veterans and their
friends are invited to attend.

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Contact Frank Neahan, Extension
6071, Room 3501, on membership in the
Agriculture Department, American
Legion Post.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

A smile costs nothing, but gives
much.

It enriches those who receive
without making poorer those who give.
It takes but a moment, but the mem-
ory of it sometimes lasts forever.
No one is so rich or mighty that he
can get along without it, and no one
is so poor that he can not be made
rich by it. A smile creates happi-
ness in the home, fosters good will
in business, and is the countersign
of friendship. It brings rest to
the weary, cheer to the discouraged,
sunshine to the sad, and it is na-
ture's best antidote for trouble.
Yet it can not be bought, begged,
borrowed, or stolen, for it is some-
thing that is of no value to anyone
until it is given away. Some people
are too tired to give you a smile.
Give them one of yours.

--Ans. Greer

WANT KIDS

Mr. Lebour, 1617 N. Edgewood Street,
Clarendon, Va., Ext. 3476.

Mrs. Stuckey, 6128--32nd Pl., N. W.,
Ext. 5977.

Mr. Harold Vogel, 203 North Kenmore
Street, Clarendon, Va., Ext. 3407.

Miss Florence Moore, 4303 North 4th
Street, Buckingham, Va., Ext. 2350.

Mrs. Margaret B. Ferrell, 2720 South
Veitch Street, Arlington, Ext. 4512.

Mrs. Margaret Mahaffey, near High-
land & Lee Hwy., Arlington, Ext. 4527.

Mrs. Aberhart, 3015 Columbia Lane, Bath-
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